Ages 18 +
Register online at greenvillelibrary.org/winter-reading.
Complete five activities in a row (down, across, or diagonal) on the Winter Reading BINGO card. Be a star and keep going after your first BIN-GO! Winter Readers who complete all of the activities on this BINGO card earn an additional entry into the grand prize drawing!

B I N G O

Attend the Southern Author Expo (or watch the recording)*
Read a book featuring a masquerade or a mask on the cover
Read a book with multiple points of view
Read a book recommended by a staff member (in person or using Next Five Faves)*
Read a book that was adapted into a movie
Use a Library database, such as NoveList*
Read a book that won an award in 2022
Read a book from a display at any Library location or from the Reading Lists page*
Recommend a book, movie, or database to a friend or family member*
Read a book that's the first in a series
Read a rom-com novel or a book featuring unrequited love
FREE SPACE
Read an eBook or listen to an audiobook from Hoopla or Libby*
Read a graphic novel adapted from a book
Read a book set during winter and/or that features a secret
Follow GCLS on Facebook or Instagram (check it off if you already do)*
Read a book with purple or blue cover
Read a book that takes place in Paris
Read a retelling of a famous story or a historical fiction novel
Attend the Masquerade Ball or any Library event (virtual included)*
Read a book with an unreliable narrator or an author using a pseudonym
Read a book with an unreliable narrator or an author using a pseudonym
Read a book recommended by a staff member (in person or using Next Five Faves)*
Read a book from the New Book section
Re-read a book that you enjoyed when you were younger
Read a book set during winter and/or that features a secret
Follow GCLS on Facebook or Instagram (check it off if you already do)*
Read a book with a purple or blue cover
Read a book that takes place in Paris
Read a book with a storm or snow on the cover or in the title
Request a kit or complete a craft from Creativebug*
Read a retelling of a famous story or a historical fiction novel
Attend the Masquerade Ball or any Library event (virtual included)*
Read a book recommended by a staff member (in person or using Next Five Faves)*

WINTER TREATS

Cozy up inside with this Icelandic recipe from AtoZ World Food!

Kakósúpa (Cocoa Soup)
Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Kosher

Ingredients:
- 3 Tbsp (22.5 g) cocoa
- 2.5–3 Tbsp (31–38 g) sugar
- 1 cup (240 ml) water
- 34 ounces (1 l) milk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) potato flour or cornstarch (optional)
- 1 cup (60 g) whipped cream

Directions:
1. Bring water to a boil in a pan. Whisk in cocoa and sugar (start with less, adding more as needed).
2. Bring mixture to a boil gently on medium heat.
3. Whisk in milk and add vanilla and cinnamon.
4. Optional: Combine potato flour or cornstarch with 2 tablespoons (30 ml) water and mix into a smooth paste. Add mixture to the cocoa soup to thicken it. Bring mixture to a gentle boil on medium heat.
5. Serve soup topped with whipped cream.

*Visit greenvillelibrary.org and explore online resources today!
REDACTED JOURNAL

Record journal entries about your reading experience over the course of this challenge.

Title: ____________________  Author: ____________________
Genre: ____________________  Length: ____________________
Year published: ___________  Themes: ____________________

How I discovered this book:__________________________
Memorable quotes:________________________________

Thoughts and impressions:___________________________

My rating: 🏷️�️�️�️
Would I recommend this book to anyone I know? 📚👍👎

Title: ____________________  Author: ____________________
Genre: ____________________  Length: ____________________
Year published: ___________  Themes: ____________________

How I discovered this book:__________________________
Memorable quotes:________________________________

Thoughts and impressions:___________________________

My rating: 🏷️�️�️�️
Would I recommend this book to anyone I know? 📚👍👎

Title: ____________________  Author: ____________________
Genre: ____________________  Length: ____________________
Year published: ___________  Themes: ____________________

How I discovered this book:__________________________
Memorable quotes:________________________________

Thoughts and impressions:___________________________

My rating: 🏷️�️�️�️
Would I recommend this book to anyone I know? 📚👍👎

Title: ____________________  Author: ____________________
Genre: ____________________  Length: ____________________
Year published: ___________  Themes: ____________________

How I discovered this book:__________________________
Memorable quotes:________________________________

Thoughts and impressions:___________________________

My rating: 🏷️�️�️�️
Would I recommend this book to anyone I know? 📚👍👎
**WHO AM I?**
Uncover the authors’ masks and reveal their identities! Match each author’s pen name (pseudonym) on the left to their real name on the right.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PSEUDONYM</th>
<th>REAL NAME</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Currer Bell</td>
<td>Stacey Abrams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>George Orwell</td>
<td>Frederic Dannay &amp; Manfred Bennington Lee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>James S. A. Corey</td>
<td>Jayne Ann Krentz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lemony Snicket</td>
<td>Agatha Christie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lewis Carroll</td>
<td>Howard Allen Frances O’Brien</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard Bachman</td>
<td>Eric Arthur Blair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cassandra Clare</td>
<td>Stanley Martin Lieber</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maya Angelou</td>
<td>Charles Lutwidge Dodgson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary Westmacott</td>
<td>Daniel Abraham &amp; Ty Franck</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Selena Montgomery</td>
<td>Joyce Carol Oates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amanda Quick</td>
<td>Judith Rumelt Lewis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anne Rice</td>
<td>Charlotte Bronté</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ellery Queen</td>
<td>Georges Remi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O. Henry</td>
<td>Daniel Handler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hergé</td>
<td>Marguerite Annie Johnson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rosamond Smith</td>
<td>William Sydney Porter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stan Lee</td>
<td>Stephen King</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**LOGIC PUZZLE**
Alice, Ichabod, Monroe, Elizabeth, and Milo are invited guests to a glamorous masquerade ball at Castle Montoya. Right after midnight, a crime takes place in the castle's library! Using the provided clues, can you identify what mask each person wore and their respective locations to crack the case?

**CLUES**
- One person with a name starting with M had a peacock on their mask; the other had an emerald green mask.
- The silver masked person (who was on the roof), was not Ichabod, who had a serpent on his mask.
- Elizabeth was on a higher floor than the person with a unicorn mask, who was not reading in the basement library.
- A dragon-masked person was standing in the front hall.
- The wolf mask was teal.
- Milo was on a lower floor than the person in a purple mask.

**Name** | **Mask Color** | **Mask Animal** | **Location**
---|---------------|-----------------|-------------

Alice                                  |                           |              |
Ichabod                                |                           |              |
Monroe                                 |                           |              |
Elizabeth                              |                           |              |
Milo                                   |                           |              |
What’s your reading vibe this winter? Answer the questions below to find out!

1. What color is your masquerade mask?
   a. Snow white
   b. Sparkling gold
   c. Jet black
   d. Crimson

2. Beverage of choice:
   a. Tea
   b. Something bubbly
   c. Coffee
   d. Hot Chocolate

3. Music genre:
   a. Pop
   b. Classical
   c. Jazz
   d. Rock

4. Movie Night selection:
   a. Murder on the Orient Express
   b. Phantom of the Opera
   c. Knives Out
   d. Amélie

5. You’re attending a party with a friend. What is the first thing you do?
   a. Scope out the buffet.
   b. Strike up a conversation. Parties are a great place to catch up with old friends and make new ones.
   c. Get a party game rolling. Anyone up for a round of Clue?
   d. Hit the dance floor.

6. Favorite place to read:
   a. Curled up in bed.
   b. Sitting on the couch in front of a cozy fire.
   c. In a quiet nook of a coffee shop or library.
   d. On the front porch on a sunny day.

7. If you were an animal, you’d be a/an:
   a. Arctic Hare
   b. Reindeer
   c. Snowy Owl
   d. Polar Bear

8. Favorite snowy day pastime:
   a. Reading a good book of course!
   b. Going for a walk, or maybe a horse-drawn sleigh ride.
   c. Building a snow fort.
   d. Skiing, sledding, or an epic snowball fight!

9. Favorite setting:
   a. Country farm
   b. Mountain retreat
   c. Bustling city
   d. Evergreen woods

10. What quote do you resonate with the most?
    a. “Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”
       –Charles W. Eliot
    b. “Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world.”
       –Voltaire
    c. “The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night.”
       –Isabel Allende
    d. “Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”
       –Neil Gaiman, paraphrasing G.K. Chesterton

Mostly As:
   Appreciates simplicity and comfort.
   Try: The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune or In the Middle of Hickory Lane by Heather Webber

Mostly Bs:
   Nostalgic, perhaps a little romantic.
   Try: Book Lovers by Emily Henry or The Night Ship by Jess Kidd

Mostly Cs:
   Inquisitive, likes solving a puzzle or exploring the psychology of a character.
   Try: The Devil and the Dark Water by Stuart Turton or The It Girl by Ruth Ware

Mostly Ds:
   Colorful and fun, and always up for a little adventure.
   Try: Book of Night by Holly Black or The Atlas Six by Olivie Blake

For more personalized reading suggestions, try Next Five Faves at greenvillelibrary.org/next-five-faves!
EKPHRASTIC POEM
Ekphrastic poetry is poetry written in response to art.
Write a poem or story based on the image above, or inspired by your favorite artwork!
Share your words with #ReadingUnmasked to inspire others.

CROSS WORD
Use the clues to fill in the words above. Words can go across or down. Letters are shared when the words intersect.

Across
2. Title of Beethoven's Sonata No. 14
9. Shakespeare's tragic hero who meets his love at a masquerade ball
10. Birds of a _____
11. A popular ballroom dance
12. Court humorist
14. A famous vengeful Count
15. Type of birdlike mask worn at the Carnival of Venice, popularized by physicians
18. Erin Morgenstern's The Night _____
20. Hidden tunnel systems traditionally used for religious practice
22. When Cinderella lost her glass slipper
24. A fancy dinner party

Down
1. He stopped by the woods "on a snowy evening"
3. Host of the 1966 Black and White Ball and author of In Cold Blood
4. A light fixture made with crystals
5. Precursor to masquerade balls
6. Author of "The Masque of the Red Death"
7. Type of fabric often used in the construction of ball gowns and corsets
8. Upper class society
13. Flower that blooms from January to March
16. The Phantom's student and object of his obsession
17. Bridgerton series author
19. Arsenic and Old ___
21. Country where masquerades were popular in the 16th century
23. "All that glitters is not ___"
**WINTER BRANCHES**

by Margaret Widdemer

When winter-time grows weary, I lift my eyes on high
And see the black trees standing, stripped clear against the sky;
They stand there very silent, with the cold flushed sky behind,
The little twigs flare beautiful and restful and kind;
Clear-cut and certain they rise, with summer past,
For all that trees can ever learn they know now, at last;
Slim and black and wonderful, with all unrest gone by,
The stripped tree-boughs comfort me, drawn clear against the sky.

**ORIGAMI BOOKMARK**

You can never have too many bookmarks, and now you can learn how to make your own!
Follow the pattern below to create a page corner bookmark for your latest read.

1. Begin with a square piece of paper (or cut out the one above), plain side facing up.
2. Fold the paper in half diagonally to make a triangle and crease well.
3. Unfold your triangle and repeat Step 2 by folding in the opposite direction.
4. Fold the top left corner of your square towards the middle, meeting the intersection of the X created by the creases.
5. Repeat with the bottom right corner of your square.
6. Fold the paper in half by following the visible diagonal crease.
7. Rotate your paper so that the longest edge is horizontally in front of you.
8. Fold the left corner up to meet the center vertical crease.
9. Repeat with the bottom right corner and crease well.
10. Turn your paper over and then tuck the top left and right flaps into the pocket.
11. Your bookmark is complete!